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" IN this book, as in *The Mystical Body of Christ in the Modern World*, I have treated at some length of the organized opposition to Our Lord Jesus Christ and to His work of permeating the world with the influence of the Supernatural Life of the Blessed Trinity. It is certainly true that it is in great measure because Catholics fail to live fully as members of Christ that Our Lord's enemies succeed in their designs. But it is also true that Catholics succumb to the machinations of Our Lord's enemies largely because they are not trained for the real struggle in the world. They leave school without adequate knowledge of the organized opposition they will have to meet and with their minds hazy about the points of social organization for which they must stand and against which attacks are being directed. Thus they display a lamentable lack of cohesion, with the result that Catholics who stand for integral Christianity can always count on finding other Catholics in the service of the enemy. 'Many times,' wrote Pope Pius XI in the Encyclical Letter, *Divini Redemptoris*, 'Our paternal heart has been saddened by the divergencies . . . which array in opposing camps the sons of the same Mother Church. Thus it is that the revolutionaries, who are not very numerous . . . end by pitting Catholics one against the other.'"

(Extract from Author's Preface).

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